The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710
A Fraternal Organization

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ROTONDA ELKS LODGE #2710 | DECEMBER STAGHORN

Exalted Ruler's Message

As we pass the halfway point of the Elks fiscal year, I'm grateful for all the help I've received in making our Lodge a success. November has passed, and we're looking forward to Christmas and the New Year.

First, I want to send a big thank-you to **Gary Stevenson** for all his efforts to get the Elks sign up. His work helped bring **17 new members** into the Lodge. Volunteers like Gary are what make Rotonda Elks so special.

I also want to thank **Seena and Denise** for putting on our **'70s Disco Party** in November. It was a great success, and we saw some really cool costumes. If you didn't attend, you missed a great time!

Saturday, December 5, will be a big day for Rotonda Elks. We'll start with the Christmas in Paradise Parade, featuring a float built by the Tiki Committee. The float will include a Tiki hut and other props to help introduce more people to our Lodge. We are still looking for volunteers to help build the float for the December 5 parade in Rotonda. Please consider lending a hand and helping the Tiki Committee get it ready.

Later that day, the Charlotte County Police will use their helicopter to drop **1,000 golf balls**. The numbered ball closest to the pin wins, and proceeds will be shared with **Charlotte County Shop with a Cop**.

On **Sunday, December 6**, we'll hold our Memorial Service to honor the members we have lost over the past year. Please join us as we remember them and recognize their service to our Lodge.

On **December 12**, we'll host Vice President **Ed Toth's** dinner and homecoming at the Lodge, welcoming the District Deputy and his officers. Please come out to support our officers and enjoy a great meal.

Our annual **Christmas Eve Eggnog Party** will be held from **3pm to 6pm.** Please stop by for a festive evening.

Bar games continue every day, and **Mondays and Fridays have now been added**. Come to the Lodge and enjoy some card games with friends.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and energy to our Lodge. I wish you and your families a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.



Christmas in Paradise parade float concept

From The Lodge Secretary's Desk

Sherry Blackwell Toth



Members All:

Happy Holidays. I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving with friends and family. A lot has been going on at the Lodge. Wine Tasting hosted by Jason and the Disco party by Seena and Denise, our fantastic Tiki Committee. What a great time was had by all!

The Angel Tree cards are on the tree. There are only a few left. I am planning an Angel Tree clothing shop at Bealls on December 8 at 9am., a wrapping party on Tuesday the 15th at 10am. Please bring your scissors and tape and bags or wrapping paper if you have any available. If you want to shop and wrap, please sign the sheet on my office door or call me at 219-309-1424.

On December 6, there will be our annual Memorial Service at 11:00 am for our departed brothers. Officers, please plan to attend and wear your whites.

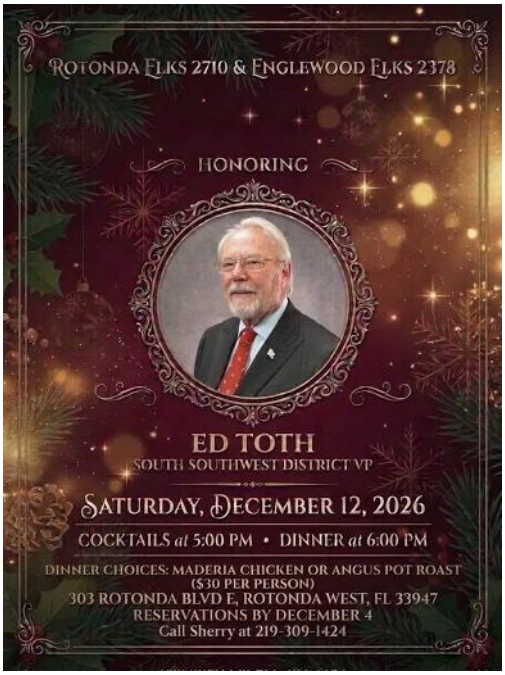
On December 10 at 1pm there will be a Celebration of Life for our dear departed brother Bill Biechler. Please attend if possible and Officers please wear your whites.

December 12 will be the homecoming dinner for Ed Toth, my husband, our SSW District Vice President. Let's make Rotonda shine by having the most members in attendance. **December 4th is the cut off to order your choice of pot roast or chicken. Please call at 219-309-1424.** Thank you all in advance.On December 24 our ER Eddie is having the Annual Eggnog Party that we all enjoy. Please bring store bought treats to share.

Last but not least, I want to thank all my volunteer Elves for helping with the Christmas decorations. You are all a blessing to me!!! Our Lodge could not run without our faithful volunteers. Thank you!.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and I will see you around the Lodge.

Sherry



Pics from the Disco Nights Party













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Chaplain, Penny Bigger
219-617-5233

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2 Year, Virginia Perry
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3 Year, Ed Toth PER
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4 Year, Tom McCombs
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5 Year, Jim Wavra
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Americanism Coordinator - Lee Hale
Community Activities - Sherry Toth
Drug Awareness -
Elks Training - ER and PER's
Elks National Foundation - Ed Toth PER
Scholarship Committee - Jeff Smith & Ginny Perry
Government Relations - Eddie Tanguay PER
Harry-Anna Trust Fund - Ed Toth PER
Hoop Shoot Coordinator - Steve Pawlak
National Foundation Scholarship Certification - Jeff Smith
Orientation - Eddie Tanquay, PER
Publicity -
Soccer Shoot - Steve Pawlak
Sports Committee - Stave Pawlak
Veterans Service - Lee Hale
Youth Activities - Sherry Toth
Queen of Hearts & 50/50 - Deb & Tim Lacze

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention Program/Safety Officer - Robert Smith, PER
Army of Hope Chair - Deb Hargrove
Auditing & Accounting: Cathy Martin
By-Laws Update - Dennis Durant
Children's Therapy Services - Jean Humphreys, PER
Elkettes Ways and Means Chair - Nancy Craig
Entertainment - Erin Cleveland
Flag Day Coordinator - Lee Hale
House Committee - Deb Hargrove (Chair) Jim Wavra (Secretary), Rye Lyn Stevenson, Erin Cleveland, Mike Volmer, Steve Pawlak, Rick Beck
Investigation - Eddie and Seena Tanguay
Kitchen Liaison - Mike Volmer
Landscape Coordinator - Jeanne Karellis
Mediator - Dennie Durant
Membership - Sherry Toth
Memorial Day Coordinator - PERs
Presiding Justice - Dennis Durant PER
Relief Chair Officers + Secretary + Treasurer Visiting Committee - Chair Officers, Secretary, Treasurer
Therapy Services - Seena Tanguay
Volunteer Coordinator - Mike Volmer
Youth Camp - Sherry Toth
Special Events - Deb Hargrove PDDGER

PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ray LeGoy + 1986-88
Nicholas Andres PDDGER + 1988-89
Ralph Benedict + 1989-90
Ed Colvett 1990-91
Cliff Douglas + 1991-92
Bud Prentiss + 1992-93
Bill Bingley + 1993-94
Donald Wheating 1994-95
Fred Lawton + 1995-96
Robert A. Smith 1996-98
Wm. Art Rickard 1998-99
Carolyn Lawton + 1999-00
George Roach + 2000-01
William Pallman + 2001-02
Parker Summerlin 2002-03
Ronald R. Bupp, PDDGER + 2003-04
Carolyn Lawton + 2004-05
Ray Eifert + 2005-06
Larry Thomson + 2006-07
Michael LaBar + 2007-08
Larry Thomson + 2009-10
Cathy Bedwell 2010-11
Tom Johnson 2011-12
Pat Johnson 2012-13, 2013-2014
Bob Humphreys 2014-15
Wayne Legris 2015-16
Bob Humphreys 2016-17
Al Williquette 2017-18
Phil Sommers 2018-19
Jean Humphreys 2019-20, 2021-22 ,2025-26
Roger Redman 2020-21
Ed Toth 2022-23, 2023-24
Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2024-25



PERS BY MEMBER AFFILIATION

Joel Townsend + 1953-54
Norman Craig + 1967-74
Mike Gifford + 1974-75
R Carl Snyder + 1969-70, 1979-80
Wm O Lunvall 1969-70
Paul White 1977-1978
Tony Ponn 1979-80
Michaelino Amico 1980-81
Gordon Araujo 1983-84
Edward Holmes 1984-85
Richard Linn 1986-87, 1990-91
John Fletcher 1987-88
Jack Garrabrant 1981-82, 1991-92
Wm S Cronin 1991-92
Dennis Durrant 1992-93
Michaelino Amico 1981-82, 1992-93
James F Hargove,Sr. + 1992-93
Phil Sommers 1991-92 1993-94
Richard W Holmes 1993-94
Michael Holowiak 1995-96
Joseph Calafiore 1995-96
Richard McDonald 1996-98
Donald Warling 1996-99
Roger Hazen 1998-99
Ron Wittenberg 1989-90, 1999-00
Eddie Tanguay 2000-01
James McNally 2001-02
Carl Gerace PSP 2003-04
Thomas Geis 2006-07
Mark C Stevens 2006-07
Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2007-08
Donald Gordon + 2009-10
Ceasar Monzon 2009
Bonnie Mackenzie 2010-2011, 2015
Michael D Tirpak 2012-13
Tiffany Gerace 2015-16, 2016-17
Arthur Thomas 2015-16
Sheila R Tirpak 2016-17
Eva Waldron 2018-19
Michaelino Amico PDDGER
Caesar Monzon
George Strutt PDDGER

+ Deceased

Indoor Bar Hours

BAR PHONE NUMBER: 941-662-9914

Monday & Friday 11am - 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday 11am - 9pm

Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday 11am -7pm

Kitchen hours

Monday thru Friday

Lunch 12pm to 2:30pm

Dinner 4:45 pm to 7pm

No dinner on Tuesday

Kitchen closed on Saturdays

Broasted Chicken Sunday Dinner 1-4pm

Outdoor Bar Hours

Friday 3-7pm

Saturday 3-7pm

Sunday 12-5pm

Broasted Chicken and Much More!
Sundays 1-4pm



Monthly Lodge Meetings

Board of Director's meeting 6:00pm and Lodge Meeting 7:00pm

-- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, except July,

August and December are only the 1st Tuesday.

New member Orientation: 2nd Tuesday of each month

House Committee - TBD

New Members in October





Elkette's Corner

Staghorn December 2026

The Elkette's welcomed two new members on October 29 - Diane Ramsing and Pam Rabe, and two new members on November 19 - Laurie Sloan and Linda Paquette and both are pictured below.



from left to right – October 29 and November 19, 2026

For anyone interested in joining our auxiliary, applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and in the lady's room. New memberships are always encouraged and welcomed. Please also be advised that any applicant waiting to be installed should attend our next General Meetings scheduled for January 22, 2026 at 4pm.

Also, at our November19th General Meeting we welcomed our guest speakers, Erica White and Marion Putman from the Senior Friendship Center who spoke about their nonprofit organization and how it serves older adults in four counties in Southwest Florida. The Senior Friendship Centers is THE safety net for close to 10,000 seniors, providing programs and services such as caregiving resources, adult day services, dining centers, home-delivered meals, exercise classes, lifelong learning, economic assistance, socialization, friendly visitors, and more. The support of generous community partners, agencies and donors enables us to help more seniors in need. We were made aware of this organization through one of our members, Ms. Sandy Fisher. The Center was given a $500 check to support the ongoing efforts of helping Seniors in this area.



The Holiday Bazaar was held on November 7, 2026. A big thanks goes out to Nancy Craig for organizing, facilitating and executing the event. However, we can't forget the Elkette's and some of our Elks who also volunteered to help get vendors to their tables, assisted in getting items from and to their car at the beginning and end of the show, some got food for vendors and offered assistance as needed, some helped with the raffle and the collection of vendor donations, etc. All of you made this event a huge success. We also want to give a shout out to the Tiki Hut Team who prepared food for our hungry members, vendors, and guests.













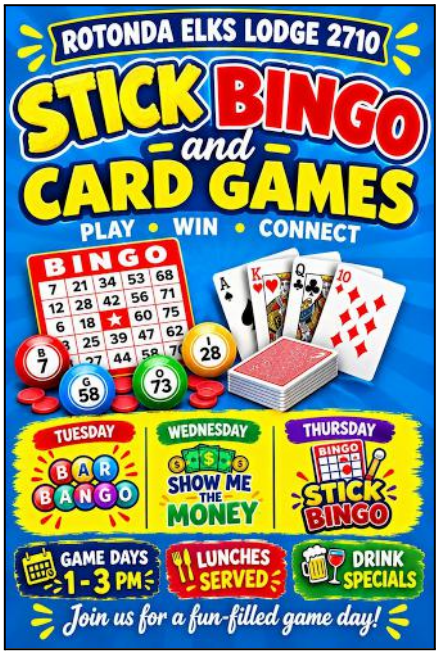



Reflection and appreciation: As 2026 comes to a close, it seems that time has just flown by, but then I think about everything that the Auxiliary has accomplished in the last year (Monday Night Scratch-Off, the Holiday Bazaar, Casino Trips, Kentucky Derby Day, Country/Western Night, Halloween Bash, Comedy Night, etc.) allowing us to donate to many charitable causes within our community (Kid's Needs, St. David's Food Bank, St. Francis of Assisi Outreach, Lemon Bay Scholarships, St. Mary's Academy, Englewood Alano, The 2710 Elks Lodge, etc.). I find the efforts made and outcomes are just remarkable. I can't say it enough, THANK YOU members and volunteers, you are so appreciated. Wishing all the Elkette's and their families a wonderful Holiday Season.

Reminder of New and upcoming Elkette Events:
Comedy Night – January 16, 2027 – Tickets now on sale
Mardi Gras Event and Show – February 6, 2027 – Tickets will go on sale after Christmas
Jimmy Mazz – February 13, 2027 – Tickets will go on sale after the New Year
Casino Trip – February 25, 2027
Details of these events will be provided in Constant Contacts.

In closing the next meetings of the Elkette's:
Board of Directors Meeting – December 8, 2026 – 3pm
Brief General Meeting – December 17, 2026 – 11:30am,
Holiday Party will follow the General Meeting est. 12 Noon
Confirmation of new officers – January 21, 2027
Elections of new officers – February 25, 2027
Installation – o/a March 27, 2027
New Officers will assume responsibility on April 1, 2027
All meetings will be held at the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President






Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710
Christmas Parade
Float Build & Parade Volunteers Needed!
★ MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ★
SANTA'S TIKI HUT
NORTH POLE - FLORIDA BRANCH
CHRISTMAS IN PARADISE
ROTONDA ELKS LODGE #2710
ELKS CARE • ELKS SHARE
Volunteers Needed For:
Float Construction & Setup
Decorating the Float
Supplying Materials & Props
Riding on the Float
Walking with the Elks
Handing Out Lodge Information
Parade Date:
Saturday, Dec. 5th
Float Build Sessions:
Volunteers needed starting now!
Build dates and times will be posted at the Lodge.
Be Part of the Fun!
941-225-5521
Text the ER Eddie Tanguay for Details!


ROTONDA ELKS LODGE 2710
HELICOPTER
BALL DROP
WITH THE
CHARLOTTE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
1,000 BALLS DROPPED
for Charity!
BUY YOUR BALLS!
1 BALL $10
3 BALLS $25
15 BALLS $100
BALL DROP
DECEMBER 5
303 ROTONDA BLVD E
FOLLOWING THE PARADE
APPROXIMATELY 2PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
CLOSEST TO THE PIN WILL WIN $1,500!
BENEFITING
Shop With a Cop
Proceeds will benefit the CCSO Annual SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM & help our Lodge reach its goals to build our TIKI HUT!
BUY YOUR BALLS TODAY & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY! ★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Don't miss out!
ENTERTAINMENT & FUN
Dances, music, and more!
LODGE HAPPENINGS
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS
Celebrating our amazing Elks
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Making a difference together
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December



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	2 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	3 Zumba Toning 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	4 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Hot Rod Hearts	5 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Christmas Holiday Parade Helicopter Ball Drop (After the parade)
6 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Memorial Service 11am Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm	7 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Ron Lorenzo	8 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Angel Tree Shop at Bealls 9am Bango 1-3pm Elkettes BOD 3pm	9 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	10 Zumba Toning 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	11 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Sons of the 60's	12 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Tiki Team Food Event Ed Toth Dinner 5pm
13 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm	14 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Robert & Wolfie	15 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Angel Tree Wrap 10am Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation 6pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	16 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm	17 Zumba Toning 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Elkettes General Meeting 11:30 Elkette Holiday Luncheon at Noon Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	18 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Clearwater	19 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
20 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm	21 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Pop Rox	22 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm	23 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm	24 Zumba Toning 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm Annual Eggnog Party 3pm	25 *Merry Christmas* *Lodge Closed*	26 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
27 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm	28 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Jay Smith	29 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm	30 Zumba 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm	31 Zumba Toning 9:30am $7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm New Year's Eve Band: Tin Can Tourists		

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Rotonda West, FL 33947

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